

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 274), provision beginning on page 21, line 1 through page 22, line 11, relating to the distribution of revenue aligned budget authority (RABA), of the committee-reported bill, was voted to be germane. Subsequently, the point of order, that the RABA provision is legislation on an appropriations bill which violates Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, on Thursday, September 16, 1999.

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Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, on Thursday, September 16, 1999, with a vote on adoption to occur thereon.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—276) Pages S10906, S10921–22

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 8:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 16, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10960–61.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

TELEMEDICINE TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on how telemedicine technologies are impacting rural health care, after receiving testimony from James Brick, West Virginia University Department of Medicine (Robert C. Byrd Health Science Center), Morgantown; Sam Burgiss, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville; Richard Ferrans, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans; Lt. Col. Ronald K. Poropatich, USA, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Telemedicine Association; and Aaron S. Waitz, Eastman Kodak Company, Allendale, New Jersey.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Sylvia V. Baca, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management, and Ivan Itkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Baca was introduced by Senator Domenici, and Mr. Itkin was introduced by Senator Spector.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James G. Huse, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, and Neal S. Wolin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Sally Katzen, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Levin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

FALN MEMBERS CLEMENCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine certain implications of the President's grant of clemency for members of the Armed Forces of National Liberation (the FALN), receiving testimony from Puerto Rico Representative Angel M. Cintron, San Juan; Gilbert G. Gallegos, Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, D.C.; Rev. C. Nozomi Ikuta, United Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio; Rocco Pascarella, Washingtonville,

New York; William P. Newhall, New York, New York; Donald R. Wofford, Wilmington, North Carolina; and Richard S. Hahn, Long Beach, California.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000, and October 1, 2000 through February 28, 2001.

INDIAN CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the contracting provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, focusing on shortfalls in contract support costs and alternatives for funding them, after receiving

testimony from Jim Wells, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Michel E. Lincoln, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Edward K. Thomas, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Juneau; W. Ron Allen, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C.; Mayor Timothy E. Gilmartin, Metlakatla, Alaska, on behalf of the Metlakatla Indian Community-Annette Island Reserve; and Lloyd Miller, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller and Munson, Anchorage, Alaska.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2868–2882, and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 66, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 28, to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees (H. Rept. 106–323 Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 294, providing for consideration of H.R. 1402, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders (H. Rept. 106–324).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ewing to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Defense Authorization: The House agreed to the conference report on S. 1059, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces by a recorded vote of 424 yeas to 45 noes, Roll No. 424.

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Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the conference report to the committee on conference with instructions to insist on striking all provisions that

limit any existing authority of the Secretary to direct the National Nuclear Security Administration by a yeas and nays vote of 139 yeas to 281 nays, Roll No. 423.

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Civil Aviation Research and Development Authorization: The House passed H.R. 1551, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's civil aviation research and development programs for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Sensenbrenner amendment that strikes the authorization of several research and development activities of the FAA that were authorized by H.R. 1000, the Aviation and Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century;

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The Traficant amendment that encourages the FAA to conduct research on the laser visual guidance landing system; and

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The Traficant amendment that insures the compliance of the "Buy American Act", expresses the sense of Congress to support the purchase of American-made equipment and products, and prohibits contracts to those who affix a "Made in America" inscription to any product that is not made in the United States.

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